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THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL

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A STRENUOUS YEAR:

THE YEAR JUST CLOSED -- THE 82ND SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION -- WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED IN ECONOMIC HISTORY AS ONE IN WHICH THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION REACHED EVEN LOWER LEVELS THAN IN 1931, WHICH, IT WILL BE RECALLED, HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "PANIC YEAR."

THE YEAR WAS MARKED IN WORLD AFFAIRS BY THE ELECTION TO POWER BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THE DEFAULT TO THEM BY FIVE NATIONS OF THEIR PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF WAR DEBTS. THE MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT IN CANADIAN LIFE WAS THE IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE WHICH SAT AT OTTAWA IN JUNE. THIS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF AN ATTEMPT TO TRANSLATE A POLITICAL COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS INTO AN ECONOMIC COMMONWEALTH AND TO USE IT AS A LEVER FOR LOWERING THE TARIFF WALLS OF THE WORLD.

TYPICAL AMONG THE GREAT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF CANADA WERE THE PLIGHT OF OUR NEWSPRINT INDUSTRY, THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT RAILWAY SITUATION, AND THE NEW ALL-TIME LOW PRICE OF WHEAT.

DUE TO THIS LONG DRAWN OUT TRADE RECESSION, UNEMPLOYMENT, WITH ALL ITS SERIOUSLY DISTURBING SOCIAL EFFECTS, HAS HELD ITS PLACE AS A MAJOR PROBLEM CONFRONTING OUR METROPOLITAN CITY. THERE HAS BEEN AN APPALLING AMOUNT OF UNHAPPINESS AND EVEN RUIN IN MANY DIRECTIONS, AND THE YOUNG MEN AND BOYS, WHO CONSTITUTE THE ASSOCIATION'S MAIN CONSTITUENCY, HAVE SUFFERED THEIR FULL SHARE. QUITE ASIDE FROM THE ABNORMAL NUMBER OF SUICIDES UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, THERE ARE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ACCRUING TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNABLE TO EARN HIS LIVELIHOOD. EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HYGIENE TELL US, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MEN IN THIS PLIGHT FREQUENTLY BECOME HYPER-SENSITIVE AND UNDULY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SLIGHTS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS, OR DEVELOP DELUSIONS OF PERSECUTION, OR THEY MAY SEEK TO EVADE THE ISSUES CONFRONTING THEM BY SELF-DECEPTION AND DAY DREAMING, AND THAT EVEN THE LEAST AFFECTED MAY DEVELOP FEELINGS OF INFERIORITY AND LOSE CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES.

FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION, THE SITUATION HAS BEEN EQUALLY SERIOUS. GRADUATION FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, DOES NOT LEAD TO CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY BUT RATHER TO AIMLESS IDLENESS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE THE DAMAGE DONE TO A GENERATION OF YOUTH BY THIS SENSE OF FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT. THE RESULT IS NOT ONLY AN IRREPARABLE LOSS TO THE INDIVIDUAL BUT ALSO AN INCALCULABLE LOSS TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT, TO AN EXTRAORDINARY DEGREE, THESE YOUNG MEN AND BOYS, WHILE BEARING SO LARGE A SHARE OF THE BRUNT OF THIS SITUATION HAVE ENDURED THEIR PLIGHT PHILOSOPHICALLY AND HAVE FACED THESE UNPRECEDENTED DIFFICULTIES IN A MOST CREDITABLE SPIRIT. THE Y.M.C.A. HAS PLAYED A WORTHY PART IN MAINTAINING THEIR MORALS, AND OUR SUBSCRIBERS TO THE EXPANSION CAMPAIGN OF 1928 SHOULD REALIZE THAT MUCH THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THE FACILITIES MADE POSSIBLE BY THE BUILDING PROGRAM OF 1929 AND 1930.

IN ITS EFFORT TO RENDER A LARGE VOLUME OF SERVICES TO THE UNEMPLOYED, THE ASSOCIATION HAS, IN COMMON WITH OTHER VOLUNTEER AGENCIES, FACED A SITUATION OF CONSIDERABLE GRAVITY. THAT IT HAS THUS FAR SURVIVED THE HEAVY GALES OF THESE TRYING TIMES IS A TRIBUTE TO ITS VITALITY AND THE NEED FOR ITS SERVICES. ONLY THE DEVOTION AND LOYALTY OF ITS SUPPORTING CONSTITUENCY, AND OF ITS WORKING FORCES BOTH LAY AND SECRETARIAL, HAVE ENABLED IT TO SURVIVE THE BATTLE FOR EXISTENCE WHICH HAS BEEN FOUGHT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WHEN WE HEAR THE DEPRESSING ROLL-CALL OF Y.M.C.A'S THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT NONE OF OUR BRANCHES OR DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN CLOSED AND THAT NONE OF OUR SECRETARIAL STAFF HAS BEEN DISPENSED WITH EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT OR TRANSFER. NOT ONLY HAS THE VOLUME OF SERVICES RENDERED BEEN MUCH THE LARGEST IN OUR HISTORY, BUT ALSO IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT IN POINT OF QUALITY THE YEAR HAS BEEN QUITE A NOTABLE ONE.

FOREIGN SERVICE:

OUR ASSOCIATION HAS CONTINUED TO ASSUME ITS FULL SHARE IN THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE CANADIAN SECRETARIES ON THE STAFF OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE WHO ARE AT WORK WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES IN SOME THIRTY-ONE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY US FOR THIS SERVICE LAST YEAR WAS $16,654.42, WHICH REPRESENTS A REDUCTION OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR OF $2,117.64, OR 11%. THE DECREASE IN THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATIONS AS A WHOLE IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FOREIGN WORK WAS NEARLY 15%, AND THE DECREASE IN ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES WAS 26%.

MONTREAL'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	1932	1931
METROPOLITAN	$ 13,890.59	$15,298.00
CENTRAL	851.61	1,503.74
WESTMOUNT	1,115.12	1,002.30
NORTH	201.65	301.00
SOUTHWESTERN	73.33	70.85
INTERNATIONAL	270.00	322.00
POINT ST. CHARLES	47.80	67.00
MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE	45.50	85.50
NOTRE DAME DE GRACE	105.70	.....
KAMP KANAWANA	53.12	62.92
CAMP OTOREKE	.....	1.85
	$ 16,654.42	$ 18,722.06

DURING THE YEAR, MR. WILBERT SMITH, FORMERLY OF CAIRO, MADE TWO VISITS TO MONTREAL AND MADE AN EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION TO OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM. IT IS DOUBTFUL IF ANY SECRETARY REPRESENTING THE FOREIGN WORK HAS EVER MADE A MORE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OR HAS SHOWN MORE CLEARLY THE PLACE OF THE Y.M.C.A. IN RELATION THERETO. THIS PRESENTATION OF THE FOREIGN WORK TO SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR ORGANIZED GROUPS BROUGHT THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD IDEA TO THE RANK AND FILE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IN A WAY NEVER ACCOMPLISHED SO FULLY BEFORE.

NATIONAL COUNCIL:

THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION HAS MAINTAINED ITS TRADITION OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER CANADIAN ASSOCIATIONS THROUGH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADA. WITH CONDITIONS AS DIFFICULT AS WE HAVE KNOWN THEM IN MONTREAL, IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND THAT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE SMALLER CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES FACING AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TASK. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT ARE BEING USED TO CAPACITY AND ACTIVITIES HAVE NEVER BEEN GREATER, BUT THE STEADY DECLINE IN INCOME HAS FORCED FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN STAFF WITH LONGER HOURS OF WORK AND REDUCED SALARIES AT ALMOST EVERY POINT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN A NUMBER OF CITIES THE ACCUMULATED DEFICITS OF PREVIOUS YEARS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO LONG TERM LOANS. IN MOST CASES THE LOANS ARE RELATIVELY SMALL, BUT THIS ACTION HAS RELIEVED BANK CREDIT. WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT BALANCED OPERATING BUDGETS HAVE AT LAST BEEN ENSURED. ONE OF THE MOST ENCOURAGING FEATURES OF THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN THE STEADINESS OF PUBLIC SUPPORT IN ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS AND THE RAPID RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS. THE RETURN OF MORE NORMAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WILL FIND MANY LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS IN A BETTER POSITION THAN EVER TO MOVE FORWARD.

TWO SMALL RAILROAD ASSOCIATIONS HAVE CLOSED DURING THE YEAR, BUT THE NUMBER OF CITY ASSOCIATIONS REMAINS THE SAME AS IN 1932 AND ONLY ONE LESS THAN IN 1929. THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL STAFF HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE LOCAL SITUATIONS, AND IN SOME CASES HAVE RENDERED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP.

THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUED DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF MEN ON THE SECRETARIAL STAFF, CHIEFLY AMONG THE YOUNGER MEN AND THOSE WITH LITTLE TRAINING. NEVERTHELESS THE MOVEMENT HAS LOST A NUMBER OF HIGHLY COMPETENT MEN WHO ARE GREATLY NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ASSOCIATION IS EMBARRASSED BY THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF MEN WHO HAVE SPENT THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS IN TRAINING ARE NOW GRADUATING FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLACE THEM IN POSITIONS. THERE IS A STRONG SENTIMENT AMONG MANY BOARDS AND SECRETARIES IN FAVOR OF STAFF TRANSFERS AND SOME CHANGES HAVE ALREADY PROVEN ADVANTAGEOUS.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS RELEASED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF EXCELLENT PROGRAM OUTLINES WHICH HAVE BEEN OF GREAT VALUE TO LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS WHOSE PROGRAMS OF FORUMS AND STUDY GROUPS HAVE BEEN STEADILY INCREASING IN THESE RECENT YEARS.

IN PLACE OF THE USUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, IN 1933 A SERIES OF REGIONAL CONFERENCES HAVE BEEN HELD AT VANCOUVER, CALGARY, WINNIPEG, TORONTO AND SACKVILLE, WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF ABOUT 400.

ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM AT LAKE COUCHICHING TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER AGENCIES HAVING SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE ON POLITICS AND ECONOMICS SECURED A REGISTRATION OF 120 AND ESTABLISHED NEW LINES OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE Y.M.C.A. AND OTHER NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS INSTITUTE WILL BE REPEATED THIS YEAR AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND A SCHOOL FOR LEADERS OF RECREATION.

THROUGH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS ALSO HELPED TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE WORLD'S COMMITTEE AT GENEVA, AND KEEPS IN CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY:

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR JUST CLOSED $14,800.49 WAS PAID ON ACCOUNT OF PLEDGES AND UNDERWRITINGS TO OUR BUILDING FUND, LEAVING A BALANCE OF $171,503.21 STILL TO BE COLLECTED IN ORDER THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO REASONABLY REDUCE OUR EXCESS MORTGAGE LOAN AND LATER ON ERECT THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BUILDING, AND THUS COMPLETE OUR BUILDING PROGRAM. THE SUM OF $10,000.00 WAS PAID IN REDUCTION OF THE MORTGAGE LOAN, WHICH NOW STANDS AT $390.000.00. THE ASSOCIATION HAS THE PRIVILEGE OF PAYING A MAXIMUM OF $50,000.00 IN ANY YEAR THAT RECEIPTS FROM LEGACIES OR OTHER SOURCES MAKE IT POSSIBLE. WHEN ONE REALIZES THAT THE OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR EQUALLED THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST AND EXCHANGE PAID ON OUR MORTGAGE LOAN, IT WILL BE SEEN THAT FURTHER PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUR BUILDING FUND PLEDGES WOULD BE OF THE GREATEST ASSISTANCE IN OUR OPERATING FINANCES.

IN THE FIRST MONTH OF OUR FISCAL YEAR, THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CANVASS WAS CONDUCTED UNDER THE GENERAL CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JOHN B. FROSST, WHEN 2,678 SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE SECURED TOTALLING $70,380.00. THIS WAS LATER INCREASED TO $74,007.45, OF WHICH $72,087.95 WAS ACTUALLY PAID IN CASH PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF OUR BOOKS. THE ABOVE RESULT REPRESENTS A DECREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR OF $13,410.23, OR 15%, AND IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF $30,248.00 OR 30%. THERE WAS A DECREASE OF 75 CIVIC MEMBERSHIPS FROM LAST YEAR, OR 141 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. IT IS GRATIFYING TO OBSERVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CAMPAIGN EXPENSES WERE REDUCED FROM $5,765.00 TO $2,766.00. NEARLY 600 CANVASSERS WERE ENROLLED FOR THE EFFORT, AND AN AVERAGE OF 200 ATTENDED THE DAILY REPORT LUNCHEONS WHICH WERE ALL HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION BUILDING.

THE DECREASE IN THE ASSOCIATION'S INCOME MADE IT NECESSARY TO MAKE A SECOND REDUCTION IN SALARIES AND WAGES ON JANUARY 1ST AGGREGATING ABOUT $12,000.00 PER ANNUM. STAFF RETIREMENTS, TRANSFERS AND RESIGNATIONS ALSO RESULTED IN IMPORTANT REDUCTIONS IN PAYROLL EXPENSE.

THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD, EXCLUSIVE OF THE REGISTRATION BUREAU AND CAMPS, INDICATES A TOTAL INCOME OF $368,149.79, AND AN EXPENDITURE OF $394,446.03, LEAVING A DEFICIT OF $26,296.24. WHEN ONE CONSIDERS, HOWEVER, THAT THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BUDGET WAS FOR THE FIRST TIME INCLUDED IN OUR OPERATING ACCOUNTS; THAT THE PAVING TAXES INCREASED $1,500.00; THAT THE METROPOLITAN PROGRAM STAFF WAS AUGMENTED; THAT THE INTEREST PAID BY THE ASSOCIATION INCREASED $17,046.72; THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS FELL OFF $13,410.23, MEMBERSHIP $6,782.26, COLLEGE $1,200.00, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THE PROGRAM OF THE ASSOCIATION WAS IMMENSELY INCREASED, THERE IS MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE GRATEFUL. BUT AN ACCRUED DEFICIT OF OVER $50,000.00 IS A SERIOUS MATTER, AND HELP FROM FRIENDS WHO HAVE NOT YET SUBSCRIBED TO OUR CURRENT FUNDS, OR WHO ARE IN ARREARS WITH PAYMENTS OF THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS, WILL BE VITALLY HELPFUL.

IT IS OF PASSING INTEREST THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS MAINTAINED ITS FULL CONTRIBUTION OF $9,000.00 TO THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL; THAT YOUR METROPOLITAN BOARD RECENTLY REFUSED AN OFFER OF $50,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NORTH BRANCH BUILDING WHICH IS CARRIED ON OUR BOOKS AT $99,865.00; AND THAT THE FIRE LOSS IN THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH AMOUNTING TO $350.00 WAS FULLY COVERED BY INSURANCE.

THE FOLLOWING BEQUESTS DURING THE YEAR WERE RECEIVED WITH DEEP APPRECIATION:

MISS JEANIE FORSYTH	$ 250.00
D.A. BUDGE	1,000.00

MR. A.D. ANDERSON RESIGNED AS HONORARY TREASURER DURING THE YEAR AFTER TEN YEARS' HELPFUL SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION. IN 46 YEARS THE Y.M.C.A. HAS HAD ONLY FOUR MEN IN THIS OFFICE -- A.D. ANDERSON, 10 YEARS; W.S. LESLIE, 7; WARDEN KING, 4; AND L.H. PACKARD, 25 YEARS. MR. ERIC A. LESLIE WAS APPOINTED MR. ANDERSON'S SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE.

METROPOLITAN RESIDENCE BUILDING:

THE YEAR JUST CLOSED HAS AGAIN PROVEN THE WISDOM OF OPERATING THE DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET BUILDING AS A UNIT SEPARATE FROM THE CENTRAL BRANCH, THE COLLEGE AND THE METROPOLITAN BOARD. THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER STRIKING ADVANCE IN BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE RESIDENCE, THE MEMBERS, AND THE COMMUNITY GROUPS USING THE BUILDING. IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF THE BUILDING TO THE FINANCING OF OUR WORK THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SOME DETAILED FIGURES FOR THE YEAR WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.

OF THE 600 ROOMS IN THE BUILDING, THERE HAS BEEN AN AVERAGE OCCUPANCY OF 420 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, OR 70%, THE HIGHEST FIGURE BEING 568 ON MARCH 18TH AND THE LOWEST BEING 364 ON JUNE 24TH. IN ALL, 5,985 DIFFERENT MEN, WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 32 YEARS, WERE IN RESIDENCE DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW; 625 WHO WERE OUT OF WORK OR WHO WERE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN GIVEN FREE ACCOMMODATION OR AT SPECIAL RATES. SPECIAL RATES WERE ALSO EXTENDED TO STUDENTS, AND 75 McGILL UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES WERE IN THE BUILDING DURING THE COLLEGE SEASON. THE GROSS EARNINGS OF THE RESIDENCE BUILDING WERE $92,015.71, AND INCREASE OF $10,064.46 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, OR NEARLY $1,000.00 PER MONTH.

THE LATEST FIGURE FOR THE Y.M.C.A'S ON THIS CONTINENT INDICATES THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF DORMITORY OCCUPANCY IN 1932 WAS 63%.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE TWO TOP FLOORS OF THE DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET BUILDING WERE NOT FURNISHED WHEN THE BUILDING WAS OPENED TWO YEARS AGO. DUE TO THE DEMAND LAST SEPTEMBER, IT WAS DECIDED TO COMPLETE THE FURNISHING OF THE ENTIRE BUILDING. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK, GIFTS IN KIND WERE RECEIVED FROM THE CANADIAN FAIRBANKS MORSE COMPANY, SIMMONS BED COMPANY, WOODS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, CANADIAN JOHNS-MANVILLE COMPANY, AND THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR'S GUARANTEE OF THE FOUNDATION COMPANY, IMPORTANT REPAIRS WERE MADE TO THE BUILDING, AND IN ADDITION A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF RETINTING AND DECORATING WAS DONE BY OUR OWN STAFF. THE MAIN ITEMS WERE THE SOLARIUM, BARBER SHOP, LOCKER ROOMS, SWIMMING POOL CEILING, LUNCH COUNTER, RESIDENCE ROOMS, BOILERS AND ASH HOIST REBUILT, HOT WATER HEATERS CLEANED AND PAINTED INSIDE, VACUUM PUMPS CLEANED AND REPACKED.

DURING OCTOBER, ARRANGEMENTS WERE COMPLETED WHEREBY DR. WM. MOFFATT OF THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL STAFF WAS GIVEN AN OFFICE IN THE BUILDING AND IS AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS. THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE A DEFINITELY FORWARD STEP.

FOR TWENTY YEARS THE ASSOCIATION HAS OPERATED A LAUNDRY SERVICE IN THE DRUMMOND STREET BUILDING IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THE FLATWORK OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH. ON OCTOBER 17TH, HOWEVER, THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR DOING PERSONAL LAUNDRY WAS COMPLETED, AND SINCE THAT TIME AN AVERAGE OF 168 YOUNG MEN WEEKLY HAVE MADE USE OF THE FACILITIES. OVER 400 DIFFERENT YOUNG MEN HAVE USED THE FACILITIES EACH MONTH. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE LAUNDRY IS DOING ALL OF THE WORK OF THE RESIDENCE BUILDING, THE CENTRAL AND WESTMOUNT BRANCHES, CAMPS OTOREKE AND KANAWANA, AS WELL AS THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE RESIDENTS' PERSONAL WORK. THE MONTHLY AVERAGE WAS 45,860 PIECES, WHICH IT IS STATED REPRESENTS MORE WORK THAN THAT BEING DONE BY THE WINDSOR AND QUEEN'S HOTELS COMBINED.

MEMBERSHIP:

THE PAID MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 31ST WAS 6,004 COMPARED WITH 6,472 A YEAR AGO, A DECREASE OF 468. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, FREE MEMBERSHIPS ISSUED TO 1,569 UNEMPLOYED THIS YEAR COMPARED WITH 1,181 LAST YEAR, AND IF THIS LATTER GROUP IS COUNTED AS MEMBERS, THERE IS AN INCREASE IN THE YEAR OF 10.

THESE FIGURES, OF COURSE, DO NOT INCLUDE THE HUNDREDS OF YOUNG MEN AND BOYS, AND IN SOME BRANCHES WOMEN AND GIRLS, WHO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ONLY FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS OR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SHORT-TERM MEMBERSHIP, NOR DO THEY INCLUDE THE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE OUR DIFFERENT BUILDINGS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES, NOR THE CONSTANT STREAM OF NEWCOMERS TO OUR CITY AND OTHERS WHO ARE SERVED BY OUR ASSOCIATION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE FACT OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP POLICY WERE APPROVED BY THE

METROPOLITAN BOARD IN NOVEMBER AS FOLLOWS:

(A) A 10% DISCOUNT WAS PERMITTED ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WHEN PAYING THEIR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN ADVANCE.

(B) A SPECIAL DAY MEMBERSHIP WAS INAUGURATED IN ALL OF THE BRANCHES HAVING SWIMMING POOL EQUIPMENT, ALLOWING THE PRIVILEGES OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. DAILY AT AN ANNUAL FEE OF $10.00, THIS AMOUNT SUBJECT TO 10% DISCOUNT WHEN PAID IN ADVANCE.

(C) A GROUP MEMBERSHIP WAS INAUGURATED AND ANNOUNCED TO CORPORATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING RATES:

- GROUPS OF 20 OR MORE.....25% DISCOUNT.
- GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE.....20% "
- GROUPS OF 5 OR MORE.....15% "

THE PUBLICATION OF THE 'Y.M.C.A. NEWS' WAS AUTHORIZED, AND THE FIRST NUMBER PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 15TH. IT WAS PRIMARILY PLANNED AS A MEMBERS' BULLETIN, AND HAS GIVEN GREAT IMPETUS TO OUR PROGRAM. IT WAS ALSO USED IN OUR FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN AS THE CHIEF MEDIUM FOR INFORMING OUR CONSTITUENCY.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE VARIOUS BRANCHES FOR THE YEAR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	1933	1932	1931
CENTRAL	2,943	3,076	2,877
NORTH	670	551	604
WESTMOUNT	584	776	797
SOUTHWESTERN	576	823	876
NOTRE DAME DE GRACE	447	271	111
POINT ST. CHARLES	318	246	317
MOUNT ROYAL	146	199	248
INTERNATIONAL	96	231	284
CIVIC MEMBERS	224	299	365
	6,004	6,472	6,479

THE RECEIPTS FROM MEMBERSHIP FEES IN ALL BRANCHES TOTAL $46,649.53 COMPARED WITH $53,431.79 LAST YEAR, A DECREASE OF $6,782.26, OR 13%. THE ONLY BRANCH IN THE CITY WHICH INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS OVER LAST YEAR WAS THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCH. PERCENTAGE DECREASES IN THE BRANCHES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	DECREASE.
SOUTHWESTERN	29.7%
WESTMOUNT	22.9%
MOUNT ROYAL	17.3%
INTERNATIONAL	16.6%
CENTRAL	10.7%
NORTH	10.6%
POINT ST. CHARLES	4.9%

AMONG THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE YEAR WAS THE OBSERVANCE OF FOUNDERS' WEEK IN OCTOBER, WHEN ELEVEN MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 745. IN ADDITION TO HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE FOUNDER, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS, ALL OF THE BRANCHES TOOK OCCASION TO SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF AS MANY OF THE FOUNDERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BRANCHES AS POSSIBLE, AND THE MEETINGS WERE VOTED BY ALL WHO ATTENDED AS OF VERY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. IT WAS THE OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF FOUNDERS' WEEK THAT THIS SHOULD BE MADE AN ANNUAL EVENT.

UNEMPLOYMENT:

THE WORK BEGUN BY THE ASSOCIATION SO VIGOROUSLY EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO IN THE INTERESTS OF THE UNEMPLOYED HAS BEEN GREATLY INTENSIFIED DURING THE YEAR BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT. THE MAJOR SERVICE HAS BEEN CARRIED ON IN THE SUN LIFE BUILDING BY THE REGISTRATION BUREAU FOR OFFICE WORKERS. THE BUREAU HAS BEEN OPERATED BY THE Y.M.C.A. IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES, THE EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE, AND THE MONTREAL RELIEF COMMITTEE. THIS WORK REPRESENTS A DEFINITE AND WELL-PLANNED EFFORT TO MEET AND, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, COUNSEL, ASSIST AND RELIEVE THOSE IN DISTRESS CAUSED BY THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THROUGH WHICH WE ARE PASSING.

STATISTICS CONVEY A VERY INADEQUATE PICTURE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS SERVICE, YET THE RECORDS INDICATE THAT DURING THE PAST YEAR 3,017 MEN REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT, OF WHICH NUMBER 310 WERE PLACED IN PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY POSITIONS. IN ADDITION TO GIVING ADVICE CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AND CO-OPERATING IN THE SECURING OF POSITIONS, THE BUREAU HAS BEEN ONE OF THE RECOGNIZED AGENCIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF FOR BOTH FAMILIES AND SINGLE MEN IN THE SO-CALLED WHITE COLLAR GROUP, AND AT THE PRESENT TIME HAS 375 FAMILIES AND 835 SINGLE MEN ON ITS LIST.

THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THESE MEN HAS BEEN, OF COURSE, OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, BUT THE BUREAU HAS RENDERED VALUABLE SERVICE IN ASSISTING WITH VOCATIONAL TESTS AND COUNSEL; CO-OPERATION WITH THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE; IN REGISTERING 200 MEN FOR THE SPLENDID SERIES OF AFTERNOON LECTURES GIVEN LAST WINTER IN STRATHCONA HALL BY THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY; AND BY ARRANGING SOCIALS, CONCERTS AND LECTURES IN THE Y.M.C.A. BUILDINGS.

THE MONTREAL BOYS' WORK COUNCIL AGAIN UNDERTOOK TO REGISTER THE UNEMPLOYED ENGLISH-SPEAKING BOYS OF THE CITY, AND THE Y.M.C.A. CO-OPERATED IN THIS UNDERTAKING, REGISTERING NEARLY 1,000 OF THESE LADS AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENLISTING OVER 600 OF THEM IN VARIOUS GROUPS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME AND, AT THE SAME TIME, MAINTAIN THEIR INITIATIVE AND SELF-RESPECT.

THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE AGAIN GRANTED BURSARIES TO 180 STUDENTS, AND CO-OPERATED WITH THE ATHOLSTAN FUND IN PROVIDING A SPECIAL COURSE FOR 40 BOYS OF SUPERIOR ABILITY.

THE SOUTHWESTERN AND POINT ST. CHARLES BRANCHES MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN LEAGUE, IN THE ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT IN THEIR DISTRICTS, THE VERDUN GROUP HAVING 332 PLOTS AND THE POINT ST. CHARLES 40. IN CO-OPERATION WITH CHALMERS CHURCH, VERDUN, THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF THE UNEMPLOYED IN THAT DISTRICT WHEN A RECREATIONAL CENTRE WAS OPENED IN THIS CHURCH AND SERVED OVER 500 DIFFERENT MEN. THE CENTRE WAS OPEN EACH WEEK-DAY EXCEPT SATURDAY FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

AS HAS ALREADY BEEN INDICATED IN THIS REPORT, FREE MEMBERSHIPS WERE ISSUED TO 1,659 MEN AND BOYS WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED. IN THE RESIDENCE BUILDING, 625 MEN WHO WERE OUT OF WORK WERE GIVEN ROOMS FREE OR AT SPECIAL RATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE ASSOCIATION'S SERVICE TO THE UNEMPLOYED HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY OF VERDUN, WHO FOR THE SECOND YEAR HAVE MADE A SPECIAL GRANT OF $350.00 FOR THIS WORK; WHILE THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT MADE A SPECIAL GRANT OF $100.00 FOR THE WORK WHICH THE Y.M.C.A. IS DOING IN THAT CITY.

CITY-WIDE BOYS' WORK:

WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A DECIDED FALLING-OFF IN THE NUMBER OF BOYS WHO ARE PAYING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, OUR BRANCHES HAVE CARRIED A HEAVIER LOAD OF ACTIVITIES THAN EVER BEFORE. THERE HAS BEEN A COINCIDENT INCREASE IN THE EFFECTIVE USE OF VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP, AND A GROWING EMPHASIS ON THE QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF OUR PROGRAM. REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE ELSEHWERE IN THIS REPORT TO THE SERVICE FOR UNEMPLOYED BOYS WHO HAVE USED OUR BUILDINGS IN EVEN LARGER NUMBERS THAN EVER BEFORE.

AMONG THE INTER-BRANCH COMPETITIVE EVENTS HAVE BEEN BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING AND PING-PONG.

DUE TO PRESENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, THERE HAS BEEN A DEFINITE CHANGE IN THE BOYS' GROUP WITH WHOM THE ASSOCIATION DOES ITS MOST WORK. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH, FOR MANY YEARS THE MAIN CONSTITUENCY OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN WITH EMPLOYED BOYS. THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED THIS, AND OUR EMPLOYED BOYS GROUPS IS VERY APPRECIABLY SMALLER THAN EVER BEFORE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE HAS BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT GROWTH IN OUR SERVICE TO SCHOOL BOYS. IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH THE IMPACT HAS BEEN SUCH AS TO CALL FORTH THE HIGHEST PRAISE FROM SCHOOL MASTERS. IN THE NORTH BRANCH, A VACATION SCHOOL ENROLLED 125 BOYS WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 112. THESE BOYS MET FIVE MORNINGS A WEEK THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, COURSES BEING GIVEN IN MUSIC, BASKETRY, ART APPRECIATION, CITIZENSHIP AND SWIMMING.

THE 'HI-Y' MOVEMENT WHICH UNITES THOSE BOYS INTERESTED IN CREATING, MAINTAINING AND EXTENDING HIGH STANDARDS OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY, HAS BEEN MORE USEFUL THAN EVER. THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH HAS HAD THE LARGEST CLUB IN ITS HISTORY; NOTRE DAME DE GRACE HAS HAD A VERY EFFECTIVE GROUP FROM WESTHILL, AND A NEW CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH, ENROLLING BOYS FROM MONTREAL HIGH AND LACHINE. AT A RALLY OF 'HI-Y' CLUBS, 125 BOYS TURNED OUT TO HEAR WILBERT B. SMITH DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

A MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT HAS GROWN UP IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS. THE BOYS' WORK SECRETARY OF OUR WESTMOUNT BRANCH HAS ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY OFFERED HIM BY THE WESTMOUNT POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAROLE OF ALL JUVENILE DELINQUENTS IN THAT AREA. A SIMILAR SITUATION EXISTS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT, AND IN MONTREAL PROPER, THE BOYS' WORK SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH IS A RECOGNIZED VOLUNTARY PROBATION OFFICER OF THE JUVENILE COURT AND WITH HIS COMMITTEE HAVE DONE A SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF WORK FOR THE BOYS UNDER THEIR CARE.

THE ANNUAL BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOBBY SHOW REMAINS ONE OF THE MAJOR CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND SISTER AGENCIES. IT IS AN IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL PROJECT AND THE STIMULUS GIVEN THE ARTS, CRAFTS AND HOBBIES IN THE BOY AND GIRL LIFE OF THE CITY IS A MATTER OF FIRST RATE IMPORTANCE.

THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS ISSUED 18,730 PASSES TO 3,906 DIFFERENT PROTESTANT AND ENGLISH CATHOLIC BOYS ENTITLING THEM TO ADMISSION TO THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES. THESE BOYS BECAME MEMBERS OF THE KNOTHOLE GANG, AND ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO CLEAN HABITS AND SPORTMANSHIP.

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE:

ONE THOUSAND AND TWO STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED IN THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE DURING THE PAST SESSION, DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

	1932-33	1931-32
JUNIOR COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE.....	176	166
EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.....	302	388
INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY.....	287	284
EVENING GRAMMAR SCHOOL.....	66	81
SCHOOL OF FINE AND APPLIED ART....	87	82
BAY BUSINESS SCHOOL.....	84	79
TOTAL.....	1,002	1,080

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR DIFFERENT COURSES WERE GIVEN AND 10,386 CLASS SESSIONS WERE HELD DURING THE TERM. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENT HOURS (AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE HOURS) WAS 186,231. IN ADDITION TO ACTUAL CLASS WORK, 188 STUDENT MEETINGS, OF AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR NATURE, WERE HELD, TOTALLING 9,110 HOURS.

CLOSE TO TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS, OR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY PER CENT OF THE STUDENT BODY, WERE ASSISTED WITH TUITION BURSARIES, EITHER IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

TWENTY-SEVEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED IN THE COLLEGE AS THE COUNTRIES OF BIRTH OF THE STUDENTS. THE AGES OF THE STUDENTS RANGE FROM ELEVEN TO FIFTY-TWO YEARS. FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY STUDENTS WERE UNDER TWENTY-

ONE YEARS OF AGE, AND 472 WERE TWENTY-ONE AND OVER.

IN RELIGION, SEVENTY PER CENT OF THE STUDENTS WERE PROTESTANT, EIGHTEEN PER CENT ROMAN CATHOLIC, ELEVEN PER CENT HEBREW, AND ONE PER CENT OTHER RELIGIONS.

AN OUTSTANDING INCIDENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN THE INAUGURATION OF A DAY PROGRAM, DURING THE PAST YEAR, IN THE JUNIOR COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE. THIS NEW PROGRAM, WHICH HAS COMPLETED ITS FIRST YEAR SUCCESSFULLY, ENABLES PARENTS OF GREATER MONTREAL TO PLACE THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN A TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COURSE UNDER ASSOCIATION AUSPICES WITH CLOSE SUPERVISION FROM INSTRUCTORS AND COUNSELLORS. IT IS FELT BY SOME OF US THAT SUCH A PROGRAM HAS BEEN A NEED IN THIS CITY AND THAT IT WILL BE THE MEANS OF ASSISTING LARGE NUMBERS OF OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS TO MAKE A BETTER ADJUSTMENT TO THEIR LATER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN THE UPPER YEARS OF THE UNIVERSITY; OR, IF THEY DO NOT PROCEED BEYOND THE JUNIOR COLLEGE, TO THE VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS WHICH THEY WILL ENTER EVENTUALLY.

WE ARE GRATIFIED BY THE RESPONSE WHICH HAS BEEN MADE TO THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMEND THE JUNIOR COLLEGE TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT AS A POSSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS.

LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

THE CIRCULATING LIBRARIES IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCHES HAVE HAD A BUSY YEAR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS CIRCULATED IN CENTRAL BRANCH BEING 20,380, AND IN THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH 18,000. SMALL LIBRARIES OF APPROX-IMATELY 350 VOLUMES ARE FUNCTIONING IN THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, NORTH, MOUNT ROYAL AND POINT ST. CHARLES BRANCHES. ALL ARE IN NEED OF NEW BOOKS. INVESTMENTS IN THIS SERVICE WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE IN OUR WORK. THE C.T. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH IS PROVING A GREAT BOON TO THAT COMMUNITY.

METROPOLITAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM OF THE Y.M.C.A. NOT ONLY BECAUSE THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL TRAINING AND GAMES HEALTH AND BODILY VIGOR ARE DEVELOPED, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT IS A VEHICLE FOR ACQUIRING CHARACTER VALUES THAT MAY CARRY OVER INTO DAILY LIFE.

THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION IS WELL EQUIPPED TO PRO-VIDE THIS PROGRAM FOR ITS MEMBERS AS WILL BE SEEN BY THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT:

FACILITIES:

7 GYMNASIUMS IN SIX BRANCHES:
CENTRAL, WESTMOUNT, NORTH, SOUTHWESTERN, POINT ST. CHARLES, MOUNT ROYAL.

5 SWIMMING POOLS:
CENTRAL, WESTMOUNT, NORTH, SOUTHWESTERN, POINT ST. CHARLES.

7 BRANCHES HAVE SHOWER BATHS.

3 INDOOR RUNNING TRACKS.

12 HANDBALL COURTS IN 4 BRANCHES:
CENTRAL 5, WESTMOUNT 3, NORTH 3, MOUNT ROYAL 1.

9 BADMINTON COURTS IN 7 BRANCHES:
CENTRAL, WESTMOUNT, NORTH, SOUTHWESTERN(3), MOUNT ROYAL, POINT ST. CHARLES, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE.

23 TENNIS COURTS IN 4 BRANCHES:
WESTMOUNT 6, NORTH 8, SOUTHWESTERN 6, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE 3.

7 VOLLEYBALL COURTS IN 5 BRANCHES:
CENTRAL (2), WESTMOUNT, NORTH, SOUTHWESTERN(2) NOTRE DAME DE GRACE.

6 PLAYFIELDS - 4 OWNED: NORTH, SOUTHWESTERN, POINT ST. CHARLES, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE.
2 CITY PARKS: WESTMOUNT, MOUNT ROYAL.

3 HOCKEY RINKS:
SOUTHWESTERN, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, POINT ST. CHARLES.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS:

ALL BRANCHES GAVE THEIR MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIVE SPORTS, ON TEAMS:

BASKETBALL:

NORTH BRANCH:
14 TEAMS IN 2 HOUSE LEAGUES - SPRING AND FALL.
3 " " CITY LEAGUES - JUVENILE, JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE.
1 TEAM IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.

RAILROAD BRANCH:
15 TEAMS IN LEAGUES, LARGELY CHURCH LEAGUES AND BOYS' WORK ATHLETIC COUNCIL LEAGUE.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCH:
80 MEMBERS PLAYED WEEKLY IN WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AND THE 'Y' ROOMS.
9 TEAMS IN HOUSE LEAGUES.

CENTRAL BRANCH:
2 TEAMS IN CITY LEAGUES.
2 " " INTER-Y LEAGUES.
16 " " TWO HOUSE LEAGUES.

WESTMOUNT:
3 TEAMS IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.
12 " " HOUSE LEAGUES.

MOUNT ROYAL:
1 TEAM IN CITY LEAGUE.
2 TEAMS IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.
9 TEAMS IN HOUSE LEAGUES.

SOUTHWESTERN:
2 TEAMS IN CITY LEAGUE.
2 " " INTER-Y LEAGUE. } 160 DIFFERENT MEN.
20 " " 4 HOUSE LEAGUES

GRAND TOTAL -- 113 TEAMS IN LEAGUE BASKETBALL.

VOLLEYBALL:

CENTRAL ENTERED TWO TEAMS IN THE CITY LEAGUE AND NORTH BRANCH ONE. CENTRAL WON THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.

SOFTBALL:

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE:
6 TEAMS IN LOCAL LEAGUE -- 90 MEN.
13 " " 3 HOUSE LEAGUES -- 147 BOYS.

CENTRAL:
2 TEAMS IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.

WESTMOUNT:
3 TEAMS IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.

NORTH:
1 TEAM IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.

POINT ST. CHARLES:
17 TEAMS IN LEAGUES.

MOUNT ROYAL:
3 TEAMS IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.
4 " " HOUSE LEAGUES.

SOUTHWESTERN:
14 TEAMS IN HOUSE LEAGUES.
5 " " INTER-Y LEAGUES.

TOTAL -- 68 TEAMS.

TENNIS:

NORTH, WESTMOUNT, AND SOUTHWESTERN PARTICIPATED IN AN INTER-Y LEAGUE WITH TEAMS IN MEN'S SINGLES AND DOUBLES, WOMEN'S SINGLES AND DOUBLES, AND MIXED DOUBLES.

THESE ALSO CONDUCTED MEMBERS' TOURNAMENTS FOR LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND LADDER TOURNAMENTS, AS ALSO DID NOTRE DAME DE GRACE AND SOUTHWESTERN, AND SCHOOL BOYS' AND GIRLS' TOURNAMENTS.

HOCKEY:

RAILROAD:
14 TEAMS IN LEAGUES - 8 OF THEM IN BOYS' WORK ATHLETIC COUNCIL LEAGUE.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE:
26 TEAMS IN 5 LEAGUES.

WESTMOUNT:
8 TEAMS IN 2 HOUSE LEAGUES.

TOTAL -- 48 TEAMS.

SWIMMING:

NORTH:
5 BRANCH SWIMMING MEETS FOR BOYS AND MEN.
1 TEAM IN INTER-BRANCH MEET.
1 " " " " LEAGUE.

CENTRAL:
1 TEAM IN OPEN MEETS AND INTER-Y LEAGUE.
1 BOYS' TEAM IN INTER-Y LEAGUE.
HELD OPEN CITY MEET IN FEBRUARY.
PLAYED WATER POLO.

WESTMOUNT:
2 MEMBERS' SWIMMING MEETS.
1 TEAM IN INTER-Y MEET WHICH THEY WON.
1 " " OPEN MEET.

SOUTHWESTERN:
2 MEETS FOR BOYS.
1 TEAM IN INTER-Y MEET.

BOXING, WRESTLING, FENCING:

CENTRAL WAS VERY PROMINENT IN BOXING AND WRESTLING IN THE CITY TOURNAMENTS. CONDUCTED THE PROVINCIAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WON 6 OF THE 8 EVENTS. BOTH CLUBS PUT ON EXHIBITIONS AT VARIOUS BRANCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

NORTH CONDUCTED BOTH A BOXING AND A WRESTLING MEET.

MOUNT ROYAL HAD FOUR CLUBS WITH 32 PARTICIPANTS.

RAILROAD - SEVEN MEMBERS TOOK PART IN AN EXHIBITION PUT ON BY THE BOYS' WORK BOARD.

GYMNASTICS:

BESIDES LOCAL EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS AT NEW YEAR'S AND CLOSING OF THE SEASON, WHICH ALL BRANCHES CONDUCTED AND A CIRCUS BY SOUTHWESTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTMOUNT PARTICIPATED IN THE PROVINCIAL GYMNASTIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CENTRAL. THIS WAS WON BY WESTMOUNT WITH McGILL AND CENTRAL CLOSE FOLLOWERS.

WESTMOUNT GYMNASTIC CLUB ALSO GAVE DISPLAYS AT SOUTHWESTERN AND NORTH BRANCHES.

ATHLETICS:

NORTH -- 2 INDOOR TRACK MEETS IN WINTER.

WESTMOUNT -- BOYS' HEXATHLON.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE -- WEEKLY EVENTS THROUGH SUMMER.

BOWLING:

POINT ST. CHARLES HAD 11 TEAMS IN BOWLING LEAGUES; AND 42 MEN IN A TOURNAMENT (21 EMPLOYED PAID THE COST OF 21 UNEMPLOYED.)

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION CLASSES -- THESE WERE HELD BY:

NORTH: 1 CAMPAIGN; 240 CHILDREN ENROLLED.
1 SUMMER SCHOOL; 125 " "
OTHERS THIS YEAR 125
TOTAL.. 490, OF WHOM 303 LEARNED TO SWIM.

RAILROAD: FREE CLASSES; 230 CHILDREN ATTENDED

CENTRAL: SPRING CAMPAIGN: 35 MEN INSTRUCTED.
SUMMER " : 37 CHILDREN.

WESTMOUNT: SPECIAL CLASSES: 106 INSTRUCTED

MOUNT ROYAL -- IN AMHERST BATH -- 40 INSTRUCTED

SOUTHWESTERN -- 86 INSTRUCTED.

GRAND TOTAL -- 1,024 PERSONS TAUGHT.

BADMINTON:

WESTMOUNT, NORTH, SOUTHWESTERN AND MOUNT ROYAL HAD CLUBS WITH FREQUENT TOURNAMENTS.

RUGBY FOOTBALL:

RUGBY FOOTBALL WAS PLAYED BY SOUTHWESTERN WITH 4 TEAMS IN THE VERDUN LEAGUE.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

ICE CARNIVALS:
2 BY POINT ST. CHARLES -- 300 PARTICIPANTS, 4,000 SPECTATORS.
3 BY NOTRE DAME DE GRACE--1,200 PARTICIPANTS, 300 SPECTATORS.

PLAYGROUND POINTS COMPETITION:
WEEKLY ALL SUMMER BY NOTRE DAME DE GRACE. TROPHY FOR BOY WINNER HIGHEST AGGREGATE POINTS IN ALL EVENTS. RUNS, JUMPS, BALL THROW, HIJES, SWIMMING, TREASURE HUNTS, GAMES, ACTING, CAMP CRAFT -- 109 PARTICIPATED.

CIRCUS, BY SOUTHWESTERN.

WOMEN AND GIRLS:
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION WAS PROVIDED FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS AT ALL BRANCHES EXCEPT CENTRAL AND INTERNATIONAL, AND INCLUDED:

GYMNASIUM CLASSES -- SOUTHWESTERN, WESTMOUNT, NORTH, MOUNT ROYAL (BY Y.W.C.A.).
BADMINTON -- SOUTHWESTERN, WESTMOUNT, NORTH, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, MOUNT ROYAL. MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS AND ROUND ROBINS PLAYED. THESE PLAYED FRIENDLY MATCHES WITH EACH OTHER BUT HAD NO LEAGUE. A NUMBER ENTERED THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS.
SWIMMING -- PERIODS AND INSTRUCTION FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN AT THE 3 BRANCHES AND TANKS.

SOUTHWESTERN ALONE CONDUCTED AN ALL-ROUND PHYSICAL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN WITH A LADY INSTRUCTRESS.

EXTENSION SERVICES TO COMMUNITY:

NORTH BRANCH:
SUMMER SCHOOL FOR 125 BOYS INCLUDING GAMES, SWIMMING, ETC.

RAILROAD:
FIELD DAY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN - 450 PARTICIPATED. ALL EVENTS OUTSIDE BUILDING (HOCKEY, SOFTBALL, CARNIVALS, FIELD DAY) AND SOME INSIDE, E.G., SWIMMING CLASSES, WERE FREE TO NON-MEMBERS. ESTIMATED 1,200 INDIVIDUALS BENEFITTED BY THESE INCLUDING 350 UNEMPLOYED AND 700 SCHOOL CHILDREN.

NORTH:
2 GYMNASIUM CLASSES PER WEEK FOR UNEMPLOYED BOYS -- 140 ENROLLED, AVERAGE 29.

WESTMOUNT:
BLIND BOYS AND DEAF AND DUMB BOYS WERE GIVEN A GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING PERIOD EACH WEEK DURING THE WINTER. 43 UNEMPLOYED GIVEN FREE MEMBERSHIPS IN REGULAR CLASSES.

MOUNT ROYAL:
UNEMPLOYED BOYS IN REGULAR CLASSES.

SOUTHWESTERN:
UNEMPLOYED -- 150 BOYS AND 300 MEN GIVEN TWO PERIODS PER WEEK IN GYMNASIUM AND POOL.
SHAWBRIDGE FARM GRADUATES, ONE PERIOD PER WEEK -- GYMNASIUM AND POOL.
MUNICIPAL RECREATION -- THE BRANCH WAS THE HEADQUARTERS AND THE BOYS' SECRETARY SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMMITTEE. LEAGUES FOR SOFTBALL AND HOCKEY IN WHICH 1,000 MEN AND BOYS PARTICIPATED.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE:
CONDUCTED SOFTBALL LEAGUE FOR UNEMPLOYED.

CENTRAL:
UNEMPLOYED WERE GIVEN PHYSICAL PRIVILEGES.

ALL SECRETARIES AND PHYSICAL DIRECTORS CO-OPERATED IN COMMUNITY, INTER-SCHOOLS, PLAYGROUNDS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND OTHER ATHLETIC MEETS AND RECREATION FEATURES AS OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE MEN.

LEADERSHIP:

GYMNASIUN LEADERS' CORPS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS AT ALL BRANCHES ASSISTED IN THESE PHYSICAL PROGRAMS.

WESTMOUNT LEADERS' CORPS ENROLLED 49 MEN AND BOYS OF WHOM 35 PASSED THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH SERVICE:

THE SOLARIUM AND MASSAGE ROOMS AT CENTRAL AND WESTMOUNT SERVED HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WERE GIVEN BY DOCTORS FREE OF CHARGE TO OUR MEMBERS.

RELIGIOUS WORK:

THE ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED AND HAS BEEN BUILT UPON THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL OF LIFE HAS RELIGIOUS IMPLICATIONS. THE POLICY OF THOUGHFULLY ENDEAVORING TO PLACE A CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS ON ALL OF ITS PROGRAM HAS CONTINUED AND IT IS ENCOURAGING TO OBSERVE THE EVER WIDENING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PHILOSOPHY IN CONNECTION WITH ITS WORK. THERE HAS, OF COURSE BEEN A GREAT VOLUME OF SPECIFICALLY RELIGIOUS WORK CARRIED ON WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF METHODS. THESE INCLUDED PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, DISCUSSION AND STUDY GROUPS, CONFERENCES AND FORUMS, FIRESIDE SING-SONGS, SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSICALES, AND TEAS FOR YOUNG MEN LIVING AWAY FROM HOME, CAMPFIRE TALKS AND DEVOTIONS, RESIDENTS' MEMBERS SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS, OXFORD GROUP IN CENTRAL BRANCH, FOREIGN SERVICE MEETINGS AND BIBLE CLASSES.

THE YOUNG MEN'S FORUM IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH, WHICH WAS CARRIED ON FOR SEVEN YEARS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MET FOR FIVE EVENINGS IN MIDWEEK THIS YEAR, DEALING WITH THE THEME, "RE-CONSTRUCTING CANADIAN LIFE."

THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH AGAIN HELD THEIR FORUM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, WITH AN INFLUENTIAL LIST OF TWENTY-THREE SPEAKERS, DEALING WITH CURRENT TOPICS OF THE DAY, AS FOLLOWS:

J.S.WOODSWORTH, M.P.	-- "IF I WERE DICTATOR."
WILBERT B.SMITH	-- "INDIA."
PROF.J.KING GORDON	-- "RUSSIA."
PROF.EUGENE FORSEY	-- "THE CRISIS IN GERMAN."
H.F.HALL, L.R.E.	-- "THE RELIGIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE EVOLUTION THEORY."
PROF.F.R.SCOTT	-- "FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN CANADA."
G.E.TRUEMAN	-- "RUSSO-JAP-CHINESE SITUATION."
DR.F.G. PEDLEY	-- "UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE."
DR.F.O.STREDDER	-- "EDUCATION AND THE NEW SOCIAL ORDER."
G.B. CLARKE	-- "THE SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE DEPRESSION."
PROF.L.C.MARSH	-- "TECHNOCRACY - MYTH OR REALITY."
DR.SHERWOOD EDDY	-- "COMPETITION OR COOPERATION."
PROF.J.F.PARKINSON	-- "THE NECESSITY OF NATIONAL PLANNING."
DR. GRANT FLEMING	-- "THE SOCIALIZATION OF MEDICINE."
PROF.FRANK UNDERHILL	-- "THE CANADIAN PARTY SYSTEM."
H.S.ROSS, K.C.	-- "THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE POETS TO SOCIAL REFORM."
GEO.S.MOONEY	-- "THE RISE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM."
C.S.RICHARDSON	-- "LAWS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE."
RABBI H.J.STERN	-- "THE NEW SCIENCE AND RELIGION."
FATHER BRYAN	-- "THE CATHOLIC POSITION TOWARDS SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION."
NATHAN GORDON, K.C.	-- "THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE JEW TO CIVILIZATION."
F.T.W.SAUNDERS	-- "THE NATIONAL SPIRIT."
REV.R.GORDON BURGOYNE	-- "SOME NEEDED REFORM IN COURT AND PRISON."

THE ATTENDANCE AT THESE MEETINGS WAS SO GREAT THAT FREQUENTLY THE ASSOCIATION AUDITORIUM WAS TAXED TO CAPACITY FOR SEATING ACCOMMODATION.

CITY WIDE RELATIONSHIPS:

IT HAS BEEN THE POLICY OF THE Y.M.C.A. FOR YEARS TO ALLY ITSELF WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR BETTER SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS. AS A RESULT, MUCH HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE OF ACHIEVEMENT. THESE EXTRA SERVICES OF THE ASSOCIATION MAKE IT ONE OF THE INDISPENSABLE SERVICE INSTITUTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. IN SOME CASES THE PART WHICH THE Y.M.C.A. HAS PLAYED HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY SMALL ONE, SUCH AS GRANTING THE USE OF A ROOM IN ONE OF OUR BUILDINGS AS A PLACE OF MEETING. AT OTHER TIMES IT HAS MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF FIRST IMPORTANCE, SUCH AS THAT OF A MEMBER OF OUR STAFF BEING CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION AND RECREATION DIVISION OF THE MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES, OR SUPERINTENDENT OF ONE OF THE LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOLS ON THE ISLAND OF MONTREAL.

AMONT THE AGENCIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE CO-OPERATED DURING THE YEAR HAVE BEEN THE FOLLOWING:

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL.
TOC-H.
BOYS' LIFE COUNCIL.
OXFORD GROUP.
BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.
VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.
PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.
LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.
IVERLEY SETTLEMENT.
ST. GEORGE'S SCOUTS.
SEA SCOUTS.
NAVY LEAGUE.
JUVENILE COURT.
NORTH END RELIEF COMMITTEE.
FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION.
PROTESTANT EMPLOYMENT BUREAU (HANDICAP DIVISION).
BOYS' FARM, SHAWBRIDGE.
VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.
POPPY DAY COMMITTEE.
HERVEY INSTITUTE.
SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN
ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE.
INTERDENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S PRAYER CIRCLE.
WOMEN'S CONSERVATIVE CLUB
MCVICAR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.
MURRAY'S ATHLETIC CLUB.
NIGHT HAWK SKI CLUB.
CRESCENT TENNIS CLUB.
BOY SCOUTS OF ST.CUTHBERTS, ASCENSION AND STRATHCONA,
FAIRMOUNT-ST.GILES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.

KAMP KANAWANA:

THE SEASON OF 1932 WAS THE 23RD IN WHICH OUR BOYS' CAMP HAS BEEN OPERATED IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. THE ATTENDANCE WAS THE THIRD LARGEST IN OUR HISTORY. THE BOYS WERE REGISTERED AS FOLLOWS:

CENTRAL	130
WESTMOUNT	127
NOTRE DAME DE GRACE..	37
NORTH BRANCH.....	34
SOUTHWESTERN.....	23
MOUNT ROYAL.....	8
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THERE WERE NO BOYS PRESENT FROM INTERNATIONAL BRANCH OR POINT ST. CHARLES. THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY WAS 3.23 WEEKS.

THE STAFF AND LEADERS OF THE CAMP REFLECTED THE PLANS WHICH WERE MADE IN ADVANCE, INCLUDING THE TRAINING COURSE FOR LEADERS HELD IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH IN THE LATE WINTER AND SPRING MONTHS. THE PROGRAM WAS EVEN MORE EXTENSIVE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND WAS FINELY EDUCATIONAL IN ITS CONTENT. CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT WAS MADE IN THE CAMP RECORDS, AND THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PARENTS AND FRIENDS PAYING A VISIT TO THE CAMP. WE ARE INDEBTED TO MR. DENT HARRISON FOR SPENDING TWO DAYS IN CAMP MAKING A FIVE HUNDRED FOOT MOTION FILM PICTURE FILM WHICH HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN USED IN THE PROMOTION OF THE CAMP IN THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES AND IN SEVERAL HOMES.

PROBABLY THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM THE CAMP IS FACING AT THE PRESENT TIME IS THAT OF AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY. THE FACT THAT BOTH WELLS PRESENTLY BEING USED WERE DRY DURING THE PAST SEASON LEADS ONE TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS SURFACE WATER WHICH IS BEING USED. AT LEAST ONE MORE WELL WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

CAMP OTOREKE:

THE 1932 SEASON AT CAMP OTOREKE MARKED THE 41ST YEAR OF OUR ACTIVITY ON LAC ST.JOSEPH AND THIS CAMP SITE REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE PROVINCE. SIXTY-SEVEN CAMPERS FROM SIX OF OUR BRANCHES AND THREE FROM NEW YORK CITY WERE IN ATTENDANCE, A TOTAL OF SEVENTY, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR. IN ADDITION, THIRTY-SEVEN PERSONS VISITED OTOREKE FOR WEEK-ENDS, MAKING ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN DIFFERENT PERSONS IN ALL. THIS COMPARES WITH ONE HUNDRED ONE YEAR AGO.

IT IS ALSO GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT THE CAMP OPERATED WITH A SURPLUS OF $177.00 TO APPLY AGAINST THE DEFICITS OF FORMER YEARS AMOUNTING TO $916.00, WHICH IS CARRIED IN SUSPENSE. THIS RESULT IS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS FELT THAT WE COULD NOT OPERATE THE CAMP LAST YEAR UNDER THE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVIALING.

COMMITTEE SERVICE:

THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THE VALUES WHICH INHERE IN THE COMMITTEE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS LAYMEN HAVE CONSEQUENTLY OCCUPIED A COMMANDING PLACE IN THE MOVEMENT IN CANADA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THESE VALUES ACCRUE BOTH TO THE ASSOCIATION AND TO THE INDIVIDUAL RENDERING THE SERVICE. THE VALUES TO THE ASSOCIATION

ARE OBVIOUS AND MANY LEADERS OF OUR MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TESTIFY TO THE BENEFITS THAT HAVE COME INTO THEIR OWN LIVES THROUGH THIS SERVICE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITIES OF PERSONALITY AND CHARACTER, AS WELL AS ABILITIES AND SKILL, THROUGH MUTUAL CO-OPERATION IN UNDERSTANDING AND WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES, IS A PRINCIPLE THAT PRESENT DAY EDUCATION RECOGNIZES AS ESSENTIALLY BASIC AND VALID.

MR. PAUL SUPER SAYS, "ONE OF THE TRUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE Y.M.C.A. IS THE MODERN RE-DISCOVERY OF THE LAYMAN, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG LAYMAN -- THE ASSERTION OF HIS PLACE IN SPIRITUAL ENTERPRISES AND THE EFFECTIVE DEMONSTRATION OF HIS SPHERE AND TALENTS." THE LATE DR. FRANK K. SANDERS, FOR MANY YEARS AN OUTSTANDING LAYMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, HAS SAID, "THE NEED OF EACH INDIVIDUAL IS TO BE DRAWN INTO AN UNSELFISH FELLOWSHIP THAT WILL GIVE HIM AN OBJECTIVE OUTSIDE HIS MERE PERSONAL INTERESTS, AN OBJECTIVE WHICH WILL HAVE MUCH TO DO WITH THE BROADENING AND DEVELOPING OF HIS RELIGIOUS LIFE." IN DR. DOGGETT'S AUTHORITATIVE HISTORY OF THE Y.M.C.A. HE STATES THAT THE NEW FACTOR WHICH THE Y.M.C.A. INTRODUCED INTO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE WORLD WAS THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM, AND IN A BOOK WHICH MR. J.A. URICE IS NOW WRITING HE STATES THAT THE PRESENT DAY GENIUS OF THE Y.M.C.A. LIES IN ITS COMMITTEE SERVICE.

NEVER BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY HAVE WE HAD SO LARGE A VOLUME OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE ON THE PART OF INTERESTED FRIENDS FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP. IN EVERY BRANCH, AND IN PROJECTS OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD, THERE HAS BEEN AN UNPRECEDENTED VOLUME OF UNSELFISH WORK DONE BY VOLUNTEERS. A LONG LIST OF EXAMPLES COULD BE GIVEN, EXTENDING FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. GORDON TAYLOR, THE YOUNG AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION OF CANADA, TO THE BOYS FROM THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, TO THE SPLENDID SERVICE OF THE NEARLY SEVEN HUNDRED WORKERS IN THE RECENT FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN.

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING BIT OF SERVICE WAS THE VISIT OF OUR PRESIDENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL TO ELEVEN OF THE ASSOCIATIONS IN ONTARIO.

ONE OF THE INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE YEAR HAS BEEN THE NEW EMPHASIS ON INFORMAL AND UNHURRIED MEETINGS OF GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS IN WHAT THE OXFORD GROUP CALLS 'HOUSE PARTIES'. THERE IS NOTHING NEW ABOUT THIS IDEA IN THE Y.M.C.A., BUT IN NO YEAR HAS IT BEEN DEVELOPED TO THE POINT OF THE LAST YEAR. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOYS' WORK COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH ENTERTAINED THIS GROUP FOR TWO DAYS AT HIS SUMMER HOME AT KNOWLTON WHERE A SPLENDID COMBINATION OF FELLOWSHIP AND WORK RESULTED. THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF OUR RECENT FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN INVITED THE DIVISION MANAGERS TO LAC BRULE FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME TO CONFER ABOUT THE PROJECT WHICH THEY HAD IN HAND. SIGNIFICANT HOUSE MEETINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN HELD BY THE CENTRAL BRANCH BOARD IN THE HOMES OF THREE OF THEIR MEMBERS. THE VALUES IN FELLOWSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR WORK THROUGH THESE UNHURRIED GATHERINGS ARE QUITE REMARKABLE. ONE OF THE REASONS, IN OUR OPINION, FOR THE VITALITY OF THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCH LIES IN THE FACT THAT SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION THE MEETINGS OF THEIR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN HELD IN THE HOMES OF THE MEMBERS.

THE RELATION OF LAY SERVICE OF A FINE QUALITY TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PERMANENT STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION IS OF

THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. THERE IS NO SINGLE FACTOR IN DEVELOPING A STRONG SECRETARIAT MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE SYMPATHETIC AND LOYAL BACKING OF GROUPS OF LAYMEN. CONVERSELY, THE LARGEST USE OF LAYMEN IN THE ASSOCIATION'S PROJECTS IS INTIMATELY RELATED TO THE TACT AND SKILL OF THE STAFF AT THIS POINT.

WHILE OUR STATISTICAL RECORD FOR THE YEAR IS NOT COMPLETE, SOME IDEA OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR IN THIS RESPECT WILL BE SEEN IN THE FACT THAT IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER THERE WERE 96 BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF 888, AND A PERSON-HOURS PARTICIPATION TOTALLING 1,106. THE FIGURES FOR THE YEAR WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPRESSIVE.

SECRETARIAL STAFF:

THE STRAIN UPON THE STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN VERY GREAT. AT TIMES IT APPEARED AS IF IN A FEW CASES IT MIGHT BE DISASTROUS. MANY HAVE HANDLED MUCH MORE WORK THAN IN MORE NORMAL TIMES, DUE TO THE INCREASED DEMANDS UPON THE ASSOCIATION AND REDUCTION OF STAFF TO 32 FULL TIME SECRETARIES AS COMPARED WITH 38 DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES ON MARCH 31ST WAS 174 IN ADDITION TO 50 TEACHERS IN THE COLLEGE. THE LATTER GROUP WERE FOR THE MOST PART ON PART TIME, AS WERE FOUR SECRETARIES. THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED RIGID ECONOMY CONFINED THE ATTENDANCE OF THE SECRETARIAL STAFF AT TRAINING ENTERPRISES OUTSIDE MONTREAL TO THREE WHO ATTENDED THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AT LAKE COUCHICHING.

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT MR. NELSON MCEWEN, OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH, WAS SUCCESSFUL IN COMPLETING HIS ARTS WORK AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY AND RECEIVED HIS B.A. AT THE SPRING CONVOCATION.

STAFF CHANGES FOR THE YEAR IN DETAIL WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. A.W. YOUNG, FORMALLY RETIRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE ON APRIL 1ST AFTER BEING A MEMBER OF THE STAFF FOR 18 YEARS. HE IS CONTINUING TO RENDER SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF THE COLLEGE.

MR. J.M. GRAHAM RETIRED FROM THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION ON JUNE 10TH AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE Y.M.C.A. MOVEMENT. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS CAREER HE WAS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ST. CATHERINES, STRATFORD, VANCOUVER, VICTORIA, AND COMPLETED HIS LIFE'S SERVICE IN THE Y.M.C.A. AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OUR NORTH BRANCH. THE ASSOCIATION TENDERED HIM A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MARK THE OCCASION, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A PURSE OF GOLD. MR. GRAHAM IS CONTINUING TO MAKE MONTREAL HIS PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND IS GIVING IMPORTANT LAY SERVICE TO THE Y.M.C.A. AND THE CHURCH

MR. GEORGE PORTEOUS, B.A., WAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NORTH BRANCH UPON MR. GRAHAM'S RETIREMENT.

MR. A.W. KEMBALL, B.A. WHO DID PART TIME WORK ON THE STAFF OF THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION THROUGHOUT HIS UNDERGRADUATE DAYS AT MCGILL, WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH ON SEPTEMBER 1ST.

MR. S.P. HOLTZE RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH ON SEPTEMBER IST.

MR. H.C. PATTERSON RETURNED TO THE STAFF OF THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH ON SEPTEMBER IST AS DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AFTER THREE YEARS' SERVICE IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

MR. H.M. PEACOCK WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE CENTRAL BRANCH TO THE NORTH BRANCH ON JULY IST, AND WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

MR. H.M. DEVENNEY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE STAFF OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH TO THE CENTRAL BRANCH ON SEPTEMBER IST.

MR. W.J.R. SALTER AND MR. HOWARD LANGILLE, SECRETARIES OF THE ASSOCIATION AT KENORA AND MIDLAND, ENTERED McGILL UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR AND AS FELLOWSHIP SECRETARIES BECAME PART TIME MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF, MR. SALTER GOING TO THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE AND MR. LANGILLE TO THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

MR. L.C. CLARK WAS APPOINTED METROPOLITAN SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND CHIEF ENGINEER FOR THE ASSOCIATION IN THE CITY, EFFECTIVE JUNE IST.

CENTRAL:

CENTRAL BRANCH, BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION, IS THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION ON THE JOB, WELCOMING AND SERVING NEWCOMERS TO THE CITY. NATURALLY, DUE TO THE GENERAL SITUATION, NO IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING, BUT HUNDREDS OF YOUNG MEN HOPING TO IMPROVE THEIR SITUATIONS, HAVE MANAGED TO GET TO THE CITY, AND USUALLY HAVE ARRIVED PENNILESS. THESE HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE PROPER AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE, WHILE VARIOUS SERVICES HAVE BEEN RENDERED IN OUR OWN BUILDING.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CABINET AND THE SENIOR DIVISION COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WE FEEL HAS BEEN IN MANY WAYS THE MOST MEANINGFUL PROGRAM IN YEARS. THE SPOKE, Y'S MEN'S, CURRENT EVENTS, CREST, PUBLIC SPEAKING, WANT-TO-SEE-IT, AND GLEE CLUBS, ENLISTED MANY MEMBERS. THE INTER-Y DISCUSSION GROUP, THE FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CLASS, THE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST, SONG SERVICE, AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY EVENINGS, SPECIAL EASTER WEEK SERIES, AND THE OXFORD GROUP, WERE ALL FEATURES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED. A FORUM SERIES, "RECONSTRUCTING CANADIAN LIFE;" A LECTURE SERIES, "MAKING RHE MOST OF LIFE," AND VARIOUS ADDRESSES ON WORLD BROTHERHOOD, WERE HELPFUL IN WIDENING THE HORIZONS OF MANY.

THE PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO INTEREST HUNDREDS IN A GREAT VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. BOXING AND WRESTLING UNDER EXPERT COACHES, BASKETBALL HOUSE LEAGUES AND REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS, VOLLEY BALL TEAMS IN THE CITY LEAGUE, AN ACTIVE SWIMMING CLUB, HANDBALL, WITH OUR REGULAR GYMNASIUM CLASSES, COMBINED TO PROVIDE A VARIETY IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, TO BE FOUND IN NO OTHER ONE PLACE IN THIS CITY. WE CONDUCTED THE PROVINCIAL GYMNASTIC

AND THE PROVINCIAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AGAIN THIS YEAR.

THE REGULAR PROGRAM OF THE BOYS' DIVISION INCLUDED GYMNASIUM CLASSES, SWIMMING, VARIOUS INTEREST CLUBS AND CRAFT GROUPS, HIKES AND OUTINGS. THE BIBLE CLASS FOR OLDER BOYS, CONDUCTED BY MR. W. MCL. CLARKE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON. THE MOTHERS' CLUBS WERE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE ON MANY OCCASIONS, AND THEIR WORK IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

BESIDES THE MORE THAN 600 BOYS IN OUR MEMBERSHIPP, THE BOYS' DIBISION HAS SERVED MANY NON-MEMBERS. DURING THE YEAR SOME 300 UNEMPLOYED BOYS USED OUR PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING GYM CLASSES, BOXING AND WRESTLING, LIBRARY, ETC. CLASSES IN SHORTHAND, FRENCH CONVERSATION, ENGLISH AND ARITHMETIC WERE CONDUCTED. THE LEATHER CRAFT GROUP, SPONSORED BY THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB, WAS AN ESPECIALLY WORTHWHILE VENTURE.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT SERVICE TO BOYS OUTSIDE THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP WAS THE ORGANIZATION OF FIVE CLUBS OF PICKED BOYS FROM THE ROYAL ARTHUR, WILLIAM LUNN, BERTHELET AND LEWIS EVANS SCHOOLS. UNDER THE EFFECTIVE VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY THE ASSOCIATION, THESE BOYS WERE CHALLENGED TO FINER CONDUCT IN THEIR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LIFE.

WESTMOUNT:

THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH HAS AIMED TO SERVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY INSOFAR AS ITS FACILITIES PERMIT, WOMEN AND GIRLS AS WELL AS MEN AND BOYS.

BOYS' DIVISION:

INTEREST GROUPS AND CLUBS FORMED THE BASIS OF THE PROGRAM OF THE BOYS' DIVISION, THERE BEING 21 CLUBS WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF 371, INCLUDING HOBBY CLUBS AND GYMNASIUM CLASS CLUBS, EACH UNDER ITS OWN OFFICERS.

THE HI-Y CLUB, WITH MEMBERSHIP OF 69 OF THE UPPER CLASSMEN OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS. ITS PROGRAM HAS HELPED THE BOYS IN THEIR MORAL AND SPIRITUAL LIVES, THE OXFORD GROUP MOVEMENT AIDING IN THIS.

GYMNASIUM CLASSES, SWIMMING AND INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPORTS WERE STRESSED. CURLING, THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE HEATHER CLUB, WAS A NEW FEATURE. OTHER SPORTS WERE SOFTBALL LEAGUES, SKI-ING AND HIKES.

SENIOR DIVISION:

THE FOSSILS AND GRADS. CLUB HELD WEEKLY SUPPER MEETINGS WITH SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. THE FOSSILS SHOW ENABLED THEM TO SEND 35 BOYS TO KANAWANA FOR TWO WEEKS EACH.

A CURRENT EVENTS CLUB STUDIED "MANCHURIA" AND "MODERN GERMANY". FOUNDERS' DAY WAS OBSERVED WITH 25 OLD-TIME MEMBERS AMONGST THOSE PRESENT AND D.A. BUDGE AND P. DE GRUCHY.

PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT:

A NEW FEATURE WAS A GYMNASTIC CLUB WHICH WON THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. EDDIE

STOESSEL. OF THE LEADERS' CORPS, 35 PASSED THE YEAR'S WORK OUT OF 49. BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, HANDBALL, WERE WELL PATRONIZED. TENNIS HAD A GOOD SEASON; ALSO SOFTBALL; AND ONE HUNDRED AND SIX PERSONS WERE TAUGHT TO SWIM. A SWIMMING CLUB FLOURISHED: MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, HEALTH TALKS AND THE SOLARIUM WERE PART OF OUR INDIVIDUAL HEALTH SERVICE.

WOMEN AND GIRLS:

A MORNING GYMNASIUM CLASS FOR LADIES, SWIMMING PERIODS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, TENNIS AND TWO BADMINTON CLUBS WERE PART OF OUR PROGRAM. OVER 200 WOMEN AND GIRLS WERE ENROLLED.

EXTENSION SERVICE:

GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING FOR BLIND BOYS AND FOR DEAF AND DUMB BOYS WERE CONDUCTED EVERY WEEK IN OUR BUILDING BY COLUNTEER LEADERS. UNEMPLOYED WERE GIVEN FREE MEMBERSHIPS. MR. BUCKLEY VOLUNTARILY ACTED AS PROBATION OFFICER FOR WESTMOUNT; AND OUR BUILDING WAS USED BY NUMEROUS OUTSIDE AGENCIES.

POINT ST. CHARLES.

THE POINT ST. CHARLES BRANCH HAD AN EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY YEAR DUE LARGELY TO UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THE NEED OF ITS SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY.

FIFTY-SEVEN TEAMS WERE ORGANIZED INTO VARIOUS LEAGUES OF BOWLING, BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR HOCKEY, SOCCER RUGBY AND SOFTBALL.

ICE CARNIVALS, FIELD DAYS, LEARN-TO-SWIM CAMPAIGNS, ETC., TOGETHER WITH THE LEAGUES MENTIONED, BROUGHT OUT OVER TWENTY THOUSAND SPECTATORS, WITH A TOTAL OF NEARLY TWO THOUSAND DIFFERENT PARTICIPANTS, THE BRANCH CO-OPERATING WITH THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION, THE MONTREAL GARDEN LEAGUE AND MANY OTHER AGENCIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THOSE SERVED WERE Y.M.C.A. MEMBERS OR NOT.

A SPOKE CLUB, BOYS' HOBBY SHOW, AND A FEW FORUM MEETINGS WERE SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL METHODS OF SERVING.

TURCOT:

TURCOT CONTINUED ITS TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR-A-DAY SERVICE TO RAILROAD MEN AWAY FROM HOME. OVER 6,000 BEDS AND 18,000 MEALS, AND MANY SMALL WANTS. WERE AMONG THE SERVICES GIVEN. TURCOT HAS NOT TAKEN AN HOUR OFF IN THE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IT HAS OPERATED AS A BRANCH.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE:

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:

MARCH 31ST,1931..... 105
MARCH 31ST,1932..... 313
MARCH 31ST,1933..... 483, AN INCREASE OF 64% OVER LAST YEAR.

THE AGE INTEREST IN THE ASSOCIATION IS REVEALED IN THE FOLLOWING FIGURES:

BOYS 243
YOUNG MEN..... 115
ADULTS..... 125

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE ENROLLMENT, 53 OF WHOM ARE UNEMPLOYED FREE MEMBERS, WHO TAKE PART IN THE REGULAR ACTIVITIES, WE HAVE BEEN HAVING HUNDREDS TAKE PART IN SEASONAL ACTIVITY, E.G., 150 RINK MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF OUR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP.

GROWTH OF PROGRAM:

WITHOUT INSTITUTIONAL FEATURES AS ARE COMMON IN OTHER BRANCHES, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE ASSOCIATION IS FREE TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM OF A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT NATURE THAN IS FOUND IN MOST BRANCHES. THE TREND IN THIS DIRECTION IS BASED ON THE EXPRESSED NEEDS OF MEMBERS JOINING THE BRANCH. BEGINNING WITH A PLAYGROUND PROGRAM, MULTIPLYING ACTIVITIES HAVE GROWN OUT OF THIS RECREATIONAL CENTRE.

VARIOUS CLUBS HAVE BEEN FORMED. BASED ON GANG OR STREET CROWDS, 22 BOYS' CLUBS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED, LED BY OLDER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS OR UNEMPLOYED YOUNG MEN. INTO THESE CLUBS THE Y.M.C.A. INTRODUCES ITS RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL FEATURES. A STRONG HI-Y CLUB HAS DONE A SPLENDID PIECE OF WORK IN WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL, STRONGLY ENDORSED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

THE YOUNG MEN'S WORK WAS CARRIED ON UNDER A CAPABLE COMMITTEE OF ACTIVITY CONVENORS WHO CONDUCTED A PROGRAM OF BOWLING, HOCKEY, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, SOCIALS, HOCKEY AND SOFTBALL.

A GROWING INTEREST ON THE PART OF ADULTS HAS BEEN SHOWN IN BADMINTON, TENNIS, SKATING, SOFTBALL, AND COMMUNITY BONFIRE PROGRAMS.

THREE THOUSAND PERSONS HAVE PARTICIPATED MONTHLY IN OUR ACTIVITIES.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF THE PAST HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY STRENGTHENED WITH THE CHURCHES, THE SCHOOLS, AND THE HOMES. THE SECRETARY HAS ASSISTED WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUNG PEOPLE'S, AND WORSHIP SERVICES. HE HAS CO-OPERATED WITH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN CONNECTION WITH BOY PROBLEMS, AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PHYSICAL DIRECTORS.

SEVERAL CHURCHES HAVE REGULAR USE OF OUR GROUNDS FOR THEIR OUTDOOR PROGRAM.

THE YEAR JUST CLOSED RECORDS A GROWTH OF COMMUNITY APPRECIATION, AS WELL AS AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND A BROADENING OF PROGRAM.

MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE:

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT ONE FULL TIME SECRETARY WAS DISPENSED WITH AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 1932 SEASON, THE SERVICES TO THE YOUTH OF THE LARGE COMMUNITY WHICH THIS BRANCH SERVES WERE NOT CURTAILED AT ANY POINT. THE

WORK WAS CONTINUED BECAUSE OF THE SACRIFICIAL SERVICE OF A NUMBER OF THE YOUNG MEN IN GIVING LEADERSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS PHASES OF THE PROGRAM.

APART FROM THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP, A PROGRAM WAS PROVIDED FOR A LARGE GROUP OF UNEMPLOYED BOYS DURING THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, 98 BOYS AND YOUNG MEN, WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY PAYING MEMBERS, WERE CARRIED IN MEMBERSHIP ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO MEET THE REQUIRED FEE.

ALMOST EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON DURING THE WINTER SEASON A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN MET IN THE BRANCH BUILDING FOR STUDY AND DEVOTION. THE ATTENDANCE WAS MOST ENCOURAGING. THE GENERAL THEME FOR THE SESSION WAS "BROTHERHOOD" AND SUCH SUBJECTS AS "BROTHERHOOD IN ECONOMIC LIFE," "INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS", "WHY CHRISTIAN MISSIONS", AND OTHERS EQUALLY INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE WERE DEALT WITH.

BESIDES THE EXTENSIVE PHYSICAL PROGRAM PROVIDED, WHICH INCLUDED BASKETBALL LEAGUES, LEADERS CORPS', SOFTBALL LEAGUES, SWIMMING, HIKES, ETC., ETC., A REAL LIVE SOCIAL PROGRAM WAS CARRIED THROUGH IN WHICH FRIENDS OF THE MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

NORTH BRANCH:

THE PAST YEAR AT THIS BRANCH OF THE Y.M.C.A. MAY BE LOOKED BACK UPON WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SATISFACTION. GOOD WORK HAS BEEN DONE AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONALITY OF A CHRISTIAN NATURE THROUGH ALL PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, EDUCATIONAL GROUPS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS AND COMMITTEE WORK.

THREE SPECIAL EVENTS WERE CELEBRATED DURING THE YEAR. THE 14TH OF OCTOBER WAS THE OCCASION FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS, FOUNDER OF THIS ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL FATHER-AND-SON BANQUET WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER, OVER TWO HUNDRED ATTENDING. THE ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY DREW UPWARDS OF FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE TO THE BRANCH.

DURING THE YEAR, OVER ONE THOUSAND PERSONS WERE MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH DESPITE ADVERSE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THIS DISTRICT, AS ELSEWHERE. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF W.A. WILSON AND R.P. BISSELL, OVER TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS COLLECTED FOR FOREIGN SERVICE.

CLOSE TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS SPENT ON REPAIRS AND REDECORATION IN THE BUILDING DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE FRONT LOBBY, OFFICES, STAIRS AND HALLS WERE COMPLETELY REDECORATED. THE POOL WAS REDECORATED AND NEW SHOWER HEADS INSTALLED. NEW GRATES WERE INSTALLED IN ONE HEATING UNIT. THE GYMNASIUM APPARATUS AND MATS WERE THOROUGHLY REPAIRED. THE DOWNSTAIRS HANDBALL COURT WAS RECONDITIONED AND REDECORATED.

THE BUILDING OF THIS BRANCH AND ITS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN OF GREAT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND A NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTIVE AGENCIES HAVE USED OUR FACILITIES.

THE EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE SENIOR DIVISION WERE MANY AND VARIED. A SUCCESSFUL TEN-SESSION SUNDAY AFTERNOON FORUM WAS HELD. THE INTEREST OF LADIES AND GIRLS IN THE ASSOCIATION WAS MAINTAINED. SOCIAL RECREATION FOR MEMBERS INCLUDED DANCES, SWIMMING PARTIES, BRIDGE, PING-PONG, BILLIARDS, CHESS, CHECKERS, ETC. SUITABLE READING MATERIAL WAS AT HAND.

GYMNASIUM CLASSES WERE THE BACKBONE OF THE PHYSICAL PROGRAM WITH BASKETBALL INTEREST RUNNING A CLOSE SECOND. THE SENIOR LEADERS ACCOMPLISHED A FINE YEAR'S WORK. GEORGE TULLY ANNEXED THE PROVINCIAL AND DOMINION SABRE TITLES. THE WRESTLING AND BOXING CLUBS FUNCTIONED ADEQUATELY. SPECIAL CLASSES AND COACHING IN SWIMMING BROUGHT FINE RESULTS. TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX BOYS FROM NINE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS ENROLLED IN THE "LEARN TO SWIM" CAMPAIGN.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE BOYS ENROLLED IN THE SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL, WHICH OFFERED GAMES ATHLETICS, TREASURE HUNTS, HIKES AND EDUCATIONAL FEATURES.

THE BOYS' SECTION AT CAMP MACAULAY WAS UNDER THE CHARGE OF C.J. MCGERRIGLE, WHO CHOSE HIS STAFF OF COUNCILLORS FROM MEMBERS OF THIS BRANCH.

INTERNATIONAL BRANCH:

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THAT IS PAST, THE INTERNATIONAL BRANCH HAS CONTINUED ITS MAJOR TASK, VIZ., SERVICE TO THE FOREIGNER IN OUR MIDST, ENABLING HIM TO ADJUST HIMSELF TO HIS NEW SURROUNDINGS, TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE OF HIS ADOPTED HOMELAND, AND TO HAVE CONGENIAL COMPANIONS.

BONA FIDE MEMEBERSHIP IS SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN AT THE CLOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE PRESENT FIGURES IS 190 - 167 MEN AND 23 WOMEN, REPRESENTING SOME 20 NATIONALITIES. IN ADDITION TO THIS NUMBER, HOWEVER, THERE ARE 70 OTHERS, NOW UNEMPLOYED, WHO THOUGH PAYING NO FEES ENJOY ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

LANGUAGE TEACHING:

TWO ENGLISH CLASSES HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION, THE BEGINNERS' CLASS, IN CHARGE OF MR. TYSON, AND THE ADVANCED CLASS TAUGHT BY MR. CUNNINGHAM. ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE CLASS SESSIONS OF 1½ HOURS EACH WERE HELD WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 3,712.

DURING THE WINTER MONTHS A CLASS IN FRENCH WAS CONDUCTED. THERE WERE 22 SESSIONS WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 314.

SOCIAL EVENINGS:

SOCIAL EVENINGS WERE HELD EACH SATURDAY EVENING AND HAVE BEEN A GREAT SOURCE OF PLEASURE TO MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS. VARIOUS NATIONAL GROUPS TOOK CHARGE OF THE ENTERTAINMENTS PROVIDED. SEVERAL ILLUSTRATED LECTURES WERE GIVEN.

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON A REGULAR RELIGIOUS SERVICE WAS HELD WITH MR. CUSHING PRESIDING. THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE WAS 32. THESE MEETINGS DID MUCH TO KEEP UP THE MORALE OF THE MEN, MOST OF WHOM HAVE BEEN FACING VERY DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

SOCIAL SERVICE:

MANY INTERVIEWS AND CALLS HAVE BEEN MADE; SOMETIMES THE NUMBERS RAN UP TO NEARLY 200 A MONTH. IN HELPING THE MEN TAKE OUT CITIZENSHIP PAPERS, IN TRYING TO FIND POSITIONS FOR THEM, IN SECURING MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL ATTENTION, THE EMPLOYED FORCE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY.

OBITUARIES:

WE ARE SORRY TO RECORD THE REMOVAL BY DEATH OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

J.P. ANGLIN.
A.B. ABERNETHY.
W.T. BAILEY.
A.B. BETHUNE.
S.H. BETHUNE.
DR. A.D. BLACKADER
FRED. B. BROWN
D.A. BUDGE.
W.C. COTTINGHAM.
W.A. DESBARATS.
I. GAMMELL.
JOHN A. GORDON.
W. HARRISON.
JAMES HUTCHISON.
H.M. KENNEDY.
W. GEO. KENT.
R.A. LOCKERBY.
H.T. MACFARLANE.
HON. HENRY MILES.
KENNETH MOLSON.
P.L. MONKMAN.
E.L. PEARCE.
MISS DORA V. RAYNES.
A.F. RIDDELL
J.D. ROBB.
DR. A.E. ROBERTSON.
G.A. ROBERTSON.
JAMES RODGER.
THOMAS RODGER.
G.W. SADLER.
LT. COL. HERBERT SNELL.
H.C. STEARNS.
H. GORDON STRATHY.
J. LESLIE TEDFORD.
G.A. WALTON.
R.M. WILSON.
HERBERT YUILE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE PASSING OF MR. D.A. BUDGE, THE ASSOCIATION HAS PAID THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE TO HIS LIFE AND MEMORY.

"RESOLVED":

"THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION HAVE LEARNED WITH PROFOUND REGRET OF THE DEATH ON FEBRUARY 13TH OF MR. DANIEL ANDREW BUDGE.

"MR. BUDGE WAS BORN IN 1851, THE YEAR IN WHICH THE FIRST ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA WAS FOUNDED IN MONTREAL. IN EARLY LIFE HE BECAME IDENTIFIED WITH THE ASSOCIATION MOVEMENT, MAINTAINING A CLOSE CONNECTION WITH, AND A HELPFUL PARTICIPATION IN, ITS WORK UNTIL THE DAY OF HIS DEATH.

"FOR THIRTY-NINE YEARS HE WAS THE HONORED AND BELOVED SECRETARY OF THIS ASSOCIATION, SUBSEQUENTLY ACTING AS CONSULTING SECRETARY UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1922. THE RAPID GROWTH IN SERVICE AND INFLUENCE OF THE MONTREAL ASSOCIATION IS DUE IN A LARGE MEASURE TO HIS UNTIRING AND-

AND DEVOTED EFFORTS, AND TO HIS WISE AND INSPIRING LEADERSHIP. HIS IDEALISM WAS CONTAGIOUS AND HIS AIM IN LIFE WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FINEST TYPE OF MANHOOD.

"THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BROTHERHOOD, MR. BUDGE WAS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN, AND HIS ADVICE AND COUNSEL WERE SOUGHT AND HIGHLY PRIZED. HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA, HIS RELATION TO THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, AND HIS KEEN APPRECIATION OF AND HELPFUL ATTITUDE TO THE FOREIGN WORK ARE GRATEFULLY RECALLED. HIS SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, AND HIS SEVERAL VISITS TO GREAT BRITAIN BOTH BEFORE AND DURING THE GREAT WAR BROUGHT HIM IN HELPFUL RELATIONSHIPS TO MANY OF THE OVERSEAS ASSOCIATIONS AND LEADERS.

"HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE LIVED, DEVOTING HIS EXPERIENCE AND TALENTS UNRESERVEDLY IN GIVING EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TO THE MANY FINANCIAL CAMPAIGNS FOR PHILANTHROPIC OBJECTS.

"HIS COMPELLING PERSONALITY AND DEEPLY RELIGIOUS SPIRIT WON FOR HIM AN ABIDING PLACE IN THE HEARTS AND AFFECTIONS OF LITTERALLY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN WITH WHOM HE CAME IN CONTACT. THOUGH HIS VOICE IS NOW SILENT, HIS LIFE YET SPEAKS, HIS INFLUENCE STILL REMAINS, AND THE TRUE VALUE OF HIS LIFE'S SERVICE IS INDELIBLY WRITTEN UPON THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF MANY WHO GLADLY ACKNOWLEDGE HIS INSPIRING MINISTRATIONS. A GREAT NUMBER OF THESE MEN HAVE PASSED ON, BUT WE, HIS MORE INTIMATE ASSOCIATES, WHOSE HEARTS HAVE BEEN KNIT WITH HIS -- WHILE WE REJOICE AT HIS ENTRANCE INTO THE PRESENCE OF HIM WHOM HE SERVED SO LONG AND SO FAITHFULLY -- DESIRE TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND REGRET AT THE PASSING OF A LIFE SO ABUNDANTLY FRUITFUL AND SO FULLY LIVED.

"WE EXTEND TO THE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY IN THE IRREPARABLE LOSS WHICH THEY HAVE SUSTAINED."

IN THE DEATH OF LT. COLONEL HERBERT SNELL ON NOVEMBER 13TH, A MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PLACED ON THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

"RESOLVED:

"THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF THE MONTREAL Y.M.C.A. LEARN WITH DEEP REGRET OF THE DEATH ON NOVEMBER 12TH, 1932, OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HERBERT SNELL.

"FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, COLONEL SNELL AIDED AND ENRICHED THE LIFE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN ITS SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF CANADA -- FIRST IN MOOSEJAW, SASK., AND AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL; SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE OVERSEAS MILITARY WORK OF THE Y.M.C.A.; AND, FINALLY, AS A MEMBER OF THE MONTREAL METROPOLITAN BOARD. HIS OVERSEAS WORK WAS PECULIARLY VALUABLE IN THAT, COMMANDING A BATTALION, HE YET FOUND TIME TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN HIS MEN AND IN THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTREAL CENTRAL BRANCH, AND AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTREAL BUILDING COMMITTEE, HE GAVE UNSTINTINGLY

OF HIS TIME, COUNSEL AND MEANS. THUS DURING THESE YEARS WHEN HIS LIFE WAS SWINGING TO ITS FULL CIRCLE, THIS ASSOCIATION IN PARTICULAR, AND CANADIAN YOUTH IN GENERAL, BECAME INCREASINGLY DEBTOR TO COLONEL SNELL FOR HIS GENEROUS EXPENDITURE OF THESE FINE GIFTS OF MIND AND HEART THAT WERE PECULIARLY HIS OWN. CONSEQUENTLY HE MERITED AND RECEIVED THE FULLEST RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF ALL WITH WHOM HE WORKED.

"THEREFORE THIS BOARD NOW RECORDS WITH PROFOUND REGRET ITS SENSE OF ACUTE LOSS IN THE DEATH OF ONE OF ITS MOST LOYAL AND DEVOTED MEMBERS."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO MRS. SNELL WITH AN EXPRESSION OF THE BOARD'S SYMPATHY IN THE IRREPARABLE LOSS THAT SHE AND HER FAMILY HAVE SUSTAINED."

APPRECIATION:

THERE ARE MANY FACTORS WHICH COMBINE TO MAKE POSSIBLE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK IN THE Y.M.C.A. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY OF THEIR FINANCIAL RESOURCES; TO THE WORKERS IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OTHER CAMPAIGNS; TO MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THEIR FREQUENT COUNSEL, GUIDANCE AND SERVICE; TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE SERVED AS FRIENDLY COUNSELLORS OF CLUBS; INTERVIEWERS; SPEAKERS; TEACHERS; INTERPRETERS; MINISTERS; TO THE PRESS; THE MEMBERS OF THE LEADERS' CORPS; THE STAFF; TO THE CHURCHES; THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES; THE PROTESTANT BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS; RAILROAD AND OTHER CORPORATIONS; PARKS AND PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION: THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, AND MANY OTHER CO-OPERATING AGENCIES. ABOVE ALL, WE ARE IN HUMILITY GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSING AND POWER.

CONCLUSION:

IN CLOSING THIS IMPERFECT RECORD OF A STRENUOUS YEAR'S WORK IN OUR GREAT METROPOLITAN CITY, MAY WE REMIND OURSELVES THAT THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IN ITS ESSENTIAL GENIUS IS A WORLD-WIDE FELLOWSHIP OF MEN AND BOYS UNITED BY A COMMON LOYALTY TO JESUS CHRIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING CHRISTIAN PERSONALITY AND A CHRISTIAN SOCIETY. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE CAN PERHAPS BE MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING MEDITATION BY DR. L.P. JACKS:

"IT WOULD SEEM THAT RELIGION ALWAYS CAME TO THE OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS FIGURES OF HISTORY, NOT WHEN THEY WERE STUDYING RELIGION, BUT WHEN THEY WERE STUDYING SOMETHING ELSE; NEVER CAME AS THE THING THEY WERE DIRECTLY AIMING AT, BUT ALWAYS AS THE RESULT, SOMETIMES UNEXPECTED, OF THEIR GETTING DEEPLY IMMERSED IN OTHER THINGS; DEEPLY IMMERSED IN THE WORK OF THEIR HANDS AS HUNTERS, SHEPHERDS, MARINERS, TILLERS OF THE SOIL, OR AS ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN; DEEPLY IMMERSED IN THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF THEIR NEIGHBORS; DEEPLY IMMERSED IN THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP; DEEPLY IMMERSED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE, THE BATTLE OF LIFE. OUT

OF THESE DEEP IMMERSIONS THERE CAME RELIGION, CAME SPONTANEOUSLY WITHOUT BEING SOUGHT FOR OR WORRIED ABOUT, CAME, AS IT WERE, BY INDIRECTION. SUCH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE WAY IN WHICH RELIGION WAS BORN IN THE GREAT MEN OF OLD, NOT BY TAKING IT VIGOROUSLY IN HAND, BUT BY TAKING SOMETHING ELSE VIGOROUSLY IN HAND. ONE MIGHT DESCRIBE RELIGION AS A BYPRODUCT OF THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, BUT OBVIOUSLY OF GREAT VALUE."

THE WORK OF THE Y.M.C.A. IN THE YEAR JUST CLOSED HAS BEEN TRULY IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN INDIVIDUAL LIVES AND IN SOCIETY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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